

**Statement**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

**Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)**

State	(1992-93) Allocation	(1993-94) Allocation	(1994-95) Allocation	(1995-96) Allocation	(1996-97) Allocation
1. Andhra Pradesh	1203.00	1804.50	1993.00	2635.00	2755.00
2. Bihar	828.00	1242.00	1380.00	2245.00	2246.00
3. Gujarat	746.00	1119.00	1236.00	1345.00	1545.00
4. Haryana	135.00	202.50	225.00	165.00	165.00
5. J and K	214.50	321.75	357.50	495.00	495.00
6. Karnataka	1249.00	1873.50	2068.00	2265.00	2290.00
7. Madhya Pradesh	809.00	1213.50	1345.00	3510.00	3752.00
8. Maharashtra	1343.00	2014.50	2218.00	4295.00	4295.00
9. Orissa	621.00	931.50	1033.00	1045.00	1045.00
10. Rajasthan	514.00	771.00	853.00	865.00	871.00
11. Tamil Nadu	657.00	985.50	1095.00	1485.00	1485.00
12. Uttar Pradesh	1386.00	2079.00	2307.00	1985.00	2185.00
13. West Bengal	517.50	776.25	862.50	640.00	640.00

**Starvation Deaths amongst Tribals**

1365. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the survey of some 150 villages in the drought hit and tribal intested areas of Melghat, conducted by Anubhav Shiksha Kendra, a voluntary organisation, as published in the Indian Express of June 23, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the survey reveals conditions of object poverty water scarcity and starvation deaths amongst the tribals; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure alleviation of the condition of the drought hit tribals of this region?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) Yes, the Government's attention has been drawn to the news items published in the Indian Express of June 23, 1997;

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment is implementing various Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation Programmes such as Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) throughout the country including Melghat area of Maharashtra. The main objective of these programmes is to provide wage/self employment to rural poor living below the poverty line including the tribal population. Besides, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) to provide potable drinking water to rural poor

including tribals and Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) to minimise adverse effects of drought on production of crops and livestock and productivity of land, water and human resources are also being implemented. While implementing these programmes, special assistance preference is given to tribals as per land down guidelines.

[Translation]

**Copper Factories**

1366. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the locations of the copper factories at Malanjhand of Balaghat district in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the progress made in setting up of copper factories in the mines areas alongwith their distance from mines and the locations thereof;

(c) the progress made in increasing the production capacity of these factories;

(d) the number of local and educated people provided employment therein;

(e) whether the Government have made arrangements for the transportation of the raw-material extracted from the mines; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Hindustan Copper Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking

under the control of Ministry of Mines and the sole producer of primary copper in the country has its Malanjkhanda Copper Project in the Birsa Revenue Circle of Baihar Tehsil, Balaghat District of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Malanjkhanda Copper Project consists of an Open Pit Mine with an annual production of 2 million tonnes of copper ore and a matching concentrator plant located very close to the mines.

(c) A proposal to examine feasibility of enhancing the present production from 2 million tonnes to 3 million tonnes with necessary augmentation in the existing concentrator plant is being considered by the Company.

(d) 184 employees are in the Executive cadre and the remaining 1545 employees in Groups B, C, and D are mostly employed from local areas in and around Malanjkhanda Copper Project.

(e) and (f) Transportation of raw material extracted from the mines is being done by Hindustan Copper Limited through Rail and Road transport.

#### Reclamation of Barren Land

1367. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government for reclamation of barren land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government manure which was to be provided to farmers for reclamation of barren land in Uttar Pradesh has not been provided so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the manure is proposed to be provided to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (d) As per definition contained in land utilisation Statistics, "Barren Lands" are mountainous, rocky and inhospitable areas which cannot be reclaimed at an economic cost. Thus, no scheme has been formulated for reclamation of Barren Land.

#### Allotment of Houses in Kanpur under Indira Awas Yojana

1368. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the economically poor villagers living below poverty line in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Kanpur have not got allotment of houses under the Indira Awas Yojana and the Central norms are being violated with impunity by opening files to provide loans to uneligible persons for the construction of houses;

(b) if so, whether the Government have ordered any inquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken against the guilty persons and to check recurrence of such activities in the future?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Hill Allowance

1369. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Postal and Telecom employees working in the remote hilly tribal areas in Maharashtra have demanded special allowance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(i) Postal Employees working in Tribal Areas of Dahane in Thane District, Deori and Sadak Arjuri in Nagpur District., Pandharkawada in Wardha District and Chinchiroli in Chandrapur District have demanded Tribal Area Allowance.

(b) Telecom Employees working in Tribal Areas of Nasik District have demanded the Adivasi Upyojana Kshetra Protesahan Bhatta as applicable to the State Government Employees.

(c) The Postal and Telecom Department are not authorised to sanction Tribal Area Allowance. The cases relating to Postal Department are under correspondence with the field units for additional information. The Department of Telecom has sent the case to Department of Personnel for further examination.

[English]

#### Pancheswar Hydro Electric Project

1370. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether negotiations are in progress between India and Nepal for setting up the Pancheswar Hydro Electric Project on the Mahakali river in Nepal;

(b) if so, the proposed capacity of the project and total investment inclusive of investment in associated transmission network;

(c) sources of funds for the investment outlays;